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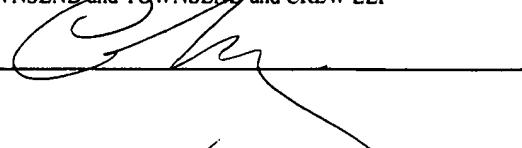
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In re application of:

Arakawa, et al.

Application No.: 09/943,982

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: INSPECTION SYSTEM AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2185

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125, please substitute the specification as originally filed, excluding the claims and the Abstract, with the specification attached hereto as Appendix A. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

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